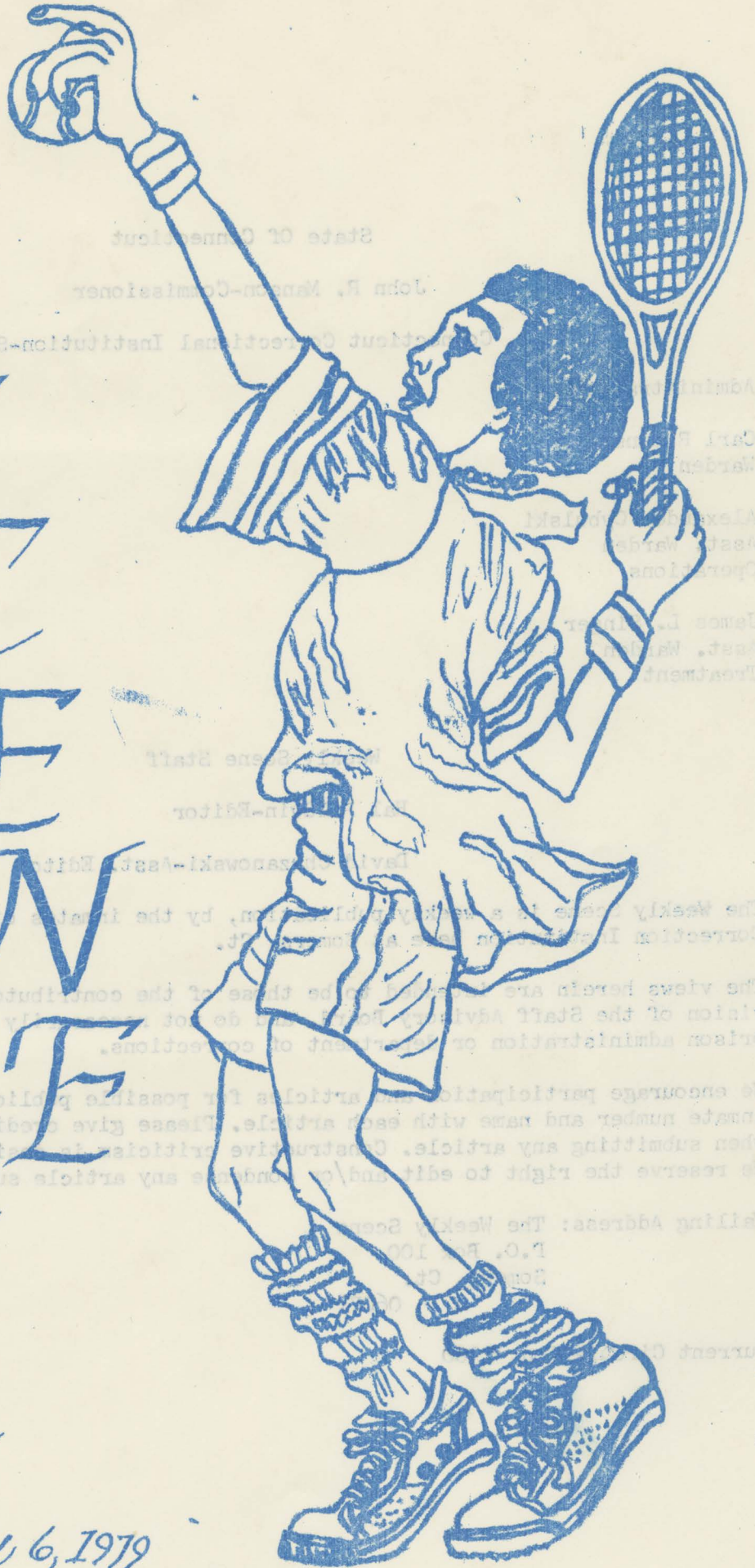


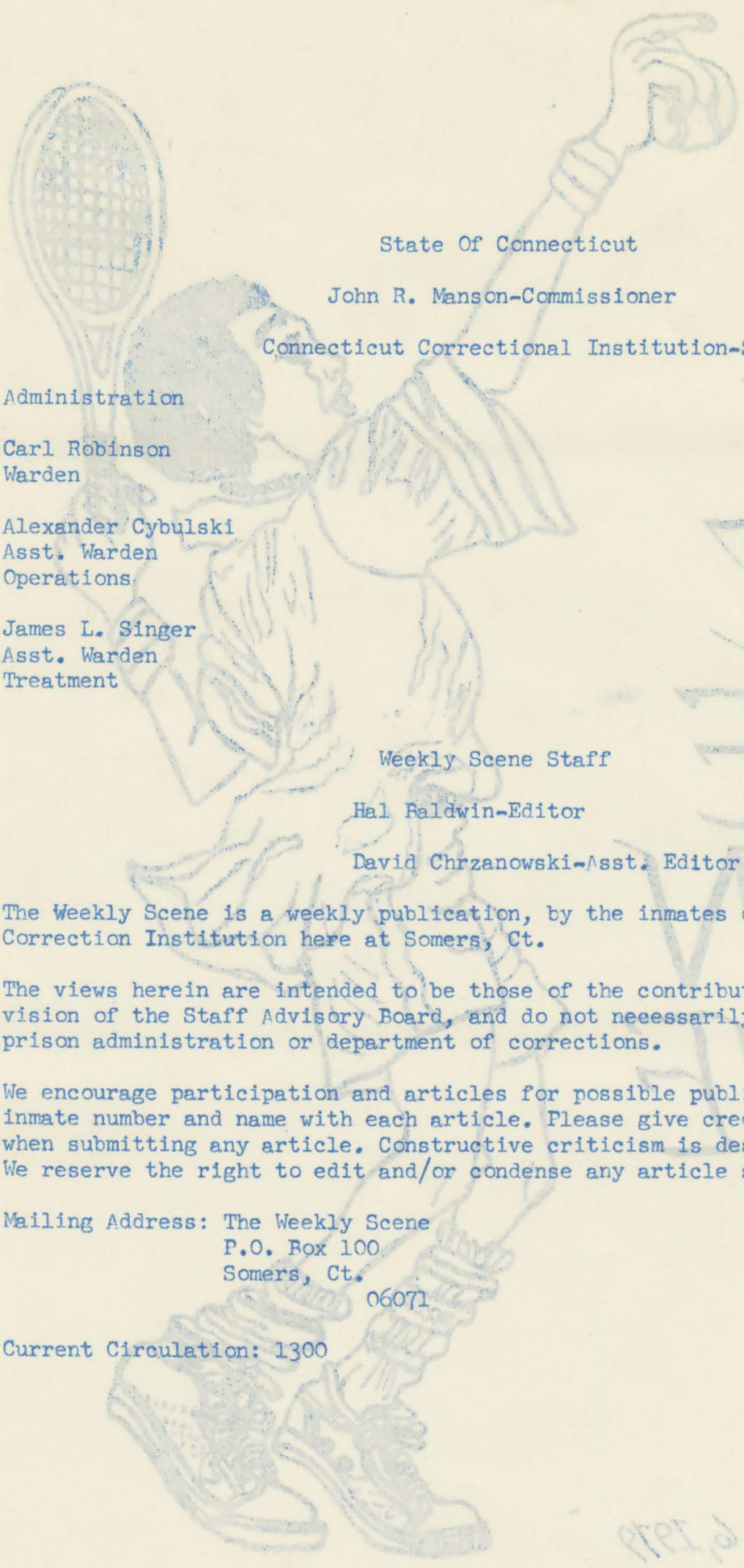
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## STATE SENATE APPROVES CRACKDOWN ON INSANITY PLEAS

HARTFORD - Two measures given initial approval Wednesday would toughen state law by making it harder to use an insanity defense and by easing requirements in prosecuting medical fraud cases. On a 30-5 vote, the state senate sent to the House a bill that would narrow the use of the insanity defense in criminal cases when the voluntary use of drugs or alcohol was involved.

The measure eliminates the defense of insanity if the mental condition contributing to the crime resulted directly from the voluntary use of either substance. The only exception would be in the case where a prescribed drug was taken according to its directions. Opponents of the measure said it was too sweeping a change to make in the state's criminal code without further study but those favoring the change said the insanity plea is being abused.

The Senate did reject an amendment which would have eliminated the use of an insanity plea altogether.

On the medical fraud legislation, the General Assembly's Human Services Committee unanimously approved a measure that allows prosecution on a felony fraud charge without proving a specific dollar amount involved.

The Judiciary Committee voted for a bill giving local police departments access to state police wiretap information. Chief State's Attorney Austin McGuigan had sought the additional use of the information obtained from legal wiretaps.

Taken from Journal Inquirer.

## SEX - CHANGE COP BACK ON BEAT

WASHINGTON - Bonnie Davenport reported for duty as a member of the city police scooter patrol Wednesday. But it was not the first time she had been assigned to the tactical crime-fighting unit. As Officer Ormus W. Davenport III, she worked on the scooter patrol before undergoing a sex-change operation last November.

Ms. Davenport, an eight-year police veteran, said she requested reassignment to her old unit because she believed her fellow officers respected her. She went on leave about a year ago to prepare for the surgery.

Deputy Chief Charles M. Troublefield, Fourth District police commander, said he expects there may be "an adjustment period, perhaps a few minor problems."

But, he said, Ms. Davenport "was a good police officer - conscientious, dedicated and capable - and I think she will be a good police officer again."

Ms. Davenport, 36, was operated on at a Colorado hospital, then underwent nearly two months of retraining for police work after being certified as fit to return to work by city doctors.

Initially, doctors warned that she should perform only light duty until completely recovered from the surgery, but now say she is physically fit to return to regular street patrol.

Taken from Journal Inquirer.

## CARP DIE NEAR NUCLEAR PLANT

HADDAM, Conn. - Northeast Utilities says more than 380 carp died in waters around the Connecticut Yankee nuclear power plant here, apparently because of a decrease in water temperature when the plant was shut down for refueling.

Emmanuel Forde, a Northeast spokesman said Wednesday that biologists found 260 dead carp along the banks of a canal connecting the power plant with the Connecticut River. He said another 121 dead carp were found along the river bank where the canal meets the river.

Northeast biologists believe the fish died during the cold February weather when the plant was shut down, lowering the water temperature, said Forde.

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"First Encounter"  
Scientists urge United Nations to act now on the matter of UFO's...

OWI; April 19/73:

A highly unusual meeting occurred recently at the United Nations. It went virtually unnoticed in the press. Some top investigators momentarily gained the attention of a world body whose millions of constituents have traditionally cast a deaf ear to their cause, the UFO phenomenon. This serious group, keenly sensitive to global skepticism, viewed the UN encounter as an opportunity to lend credibility to UFO's.

Astronomer J. Allen Hynek had waited thirty years to speak at the United Nations. Formerly a consultant to the US Air Force during Project Blue Book, Hynek's reputation as the chief scientific debunker of UFO's has turned a weird somersault. "Only in the face of stubborn facts and data have I been forced to change my opinion. There's no question that this is a very real phenomenon any attempt to explain away UFO's as imagination or as natural events is, today, nonsense."

Addressing the UN special Political Committee, Hynek focused on the global nature of the phenomenon: "UFO reports have been assembled from 133 different countries and have been made in significant numbers by highly responsible persons. Radar experts, astronauts, pilots, government officials, and scientists have all given eyewitness accounts....."

French astronomer-mathematician Jacques Vallee, emerging as an intelligent new proponent of the phenomenon, stressed the social implications of UFO's and the need to finally determine whether they do in fact, exist. "The lack of serious, open-minded research in the field has encouraged witnesses to think that science is incapable of dealing with it." Said Vallee, "An open exchange of information on the subject is needed....."

Astronaut Gordon Cooper, a key member of the UFO advisory group, believes that the UN should establish "a top level, coordinated program to collect and analyze data from all over the world and to determine how best to interface with these (UFO) visitors in friendly fashion." Cooper, whose scientific background cannot be ignored, had several startling UFO encounters during the 1950's.

Dr. Felix Zigel, a leading scientist at the Moscow Aviation Institute, asserted that "the important thing is for us to discard any preconceived notions about UFO's and organize on a global scale a calm, sensation free, and strictly scientific study of this strange phenomenon....International cooperation is vital."

All statements were entered into the official UN record. The delegates have been asked to study them closely. A consensus vote was taken in December 1973, and the UFO matter will be re-examined when the UN committee for peaceful uses of Outer Space convenes in June. A team of UN-sponsored investigators might be the outcome of such deliberations.

Submitted by  
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May 5, 1979 THE WIZ 133 Minutes Rated G

Motown Productions' filmization of the all-black stage version of the immortal "The Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum is the most expensive movie ever to be made in New York City.

Starring: Diana Ross, Lena Horne, Michael Jackson, Richard Pryor, Nipsey Russell

May 6, 1979 TRICK BABY 89 Minutes Rated R

Trick Baby is an exhilarating con-game comedy with a sobering ending. The story tells of two con-artists: "Blue" Howard, who maintains that "In this world there are only two kinds of dudes--the hustlers and the suckers," and "White Folks," a mulatto who can pass for white in the white world.

Starring: Mel Stewart, Kiel Martin.

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MILITARY DISCHARGE UPGRADING

Those men who received military discharges other than honorable, who have filed application for a military discharge upgrading, and who would like to appear before the Army Discharge Review Board should forward a request form to Jesse DeLoach stating what your present discharge status is, the date of your military discharge, and the branch of military service from which you were discharged. Upon receipt of your request an interview can be arranged with the American Red Cross and a subsequent hearing with the Army Discharge Review Board will be arranged. The hearing will be held at Somers CCI and only those men who received discharges from the United States Army should apply.

Mr. Jesse DeLoach

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MENU FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6, 1979 to MAY 12, 1979

	BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER
SUN	Grapefruit Juice Pastry Hot Cereal Coffee Milk	Chicken w/Gravy Steamed Rice Buttered Fresh Carrots Ice Cream Coffee - Milk	Tuna Salad Plate Macaroni Salad Tossed Green Salad Peach Betty Tea - Milk
MON	Tomato Juice Griddle Cakes w/Syrup Dry Cereal Coffee Milk	Beef Cube Steak Brown Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Green Beans Chilled Fruit Cocktail Coffee - Milk	*Grilled Franks Baked Beans Sauerkraut Pastry Tea - Milk
TUE	Grapefruit Sections Pastry Hot Cereal Coffee Milk	Veal Parmesan Shells w/Tomato Sauce Grated Cheese Antipasto Salad Ice Cream Coffee - Milk	Roast Beef Gravy Baked Potato w/Jacket Buttered Peas Pastry Tea - Milk
WED	Fresh Fruit Fried Eggs w/Toast Dry Cereal Coffee Milk	*Polish Kielbasa Boiled Potatoes Boiled Cabbage Mustard Pastry Coffee - Milk	Beef Stew Steamed Rice Spanish Kidney Beans Chocolate Pudding Tea - Milk
THU	Orange Juice Pastry Hot Cereal Coffee Milk	Stuffed Green Peppers Mashed Potatoes Buttered Fresh Carrots Pastry Coffee - Milk	Chicken w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Wax Beans Ice Cream Tea - Milk
FRI	Blended Juice Scrambled Eggs w/Toast Dry Cereal Coffee Milk	Fried Fish Tartar Sauce Hash Brown Potatoes Fresh Frozen Vegetables Pastry Coffee - Milk	Cold Cut w/Cheese Grinder French Fried Potatoes Lettuce & Tomato Salad Catsup & Mustard Raspberry Jello Tea - Milk
SAT	Fresh Fruit Pastry Hot Cereal Coffee Milk	Turkey a la King Buttered Noodles Green Bean Salad Ice Cream Coffee - Milk	Grilled Beef Pattle (Soup) O'Brien Potatoes Buttered w/K Corn Chilled Peaches Tea - Milk

\* Indicates Pork or Pork Product.

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